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SUBJ: MBFR: STATIONED/ INDIGENOUS FORCES

1. DURING HIS FEB 21-22 VISIT TO WASHINGTON, FRG
DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH WILL ON BEHALF OF
STATE SECRETARY FRANK STATE THAT THE FRG HAS
DECIDED DEFINITELY TO DECOUPLE LINKAGE BETWEEN
BUNDESWEHR FORCE STRUCTURE REFORM AND POSSIBLE
REDUCTION OF INDIGENOUS FORCES IN MBFR. ROTH
TELLS US THIS DECISION IS THE RESULT OF A MARCH 15
MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN SCHEEL, DEFMIN LEBER AND
THEIR SENIOR ASSOCIATES.

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2. BUT GIVEN STRONG PRESSURES FELT BY LEBER TO SHOW THAT FRG ALSO BENEFITS FROM MBFR ENTERPRISE, ROTH SAID FRG WILL SEEK US HELP IN MAKING THE CASE FOR CONFIDENCE STABILIZING MEASURES IN MBRF- I AS A PRECONDITION FOR POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS OF INDIGENOUS FORCES IN AM MBFR- II. ROTH WILL THEREFORE ASK THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO ASSIST THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN MAINTAINING ITS POSITION AGAINST INTERNAL GERMAN PRESSURES FOR MBFR- I BUNDESWEHR CUTS BY (A) CONSULTINGVERY CLOSELY WITH FRG IN DEVELOPING SUBSTANTIVE MBFR POSITIONS, (B) SUPPORTING FRG/ UK PREFERRED OPTION OF (IF POSSIBLE) PRE- REDUCTION CONSTRAINTS, (C) PROVIDE AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT OF USG WISH THAT INITIAL MBFR REDUCTIONS BE LIMITED TO STATIONED FORCES AND (D) PROVIDE INDICATION OF USG' S DESIRED TIMING FOR INITIAL MBFR AGREEMENTS ON REDUCTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS. ROTH SAID THEO SOMMER' S STATEMENT IN NEWSWEEK THAT FRG ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK REDUCTIONS OF US FORCES IN MBFR IS SIMPLY INCORRECT.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, ROTH SAID HE EXPECTS INCREASED PRESSURE FROM THE LEFT WING OF THE SPD IN THE COMING WEEKS FOR REDUCTIONS IN BUNDESWEHR FORCES; HE ADDED THAT LEBER APPEARS TO BE UNDER SOME PERSONAL PRESSURE OF THIS KIND FROM HIS ELECTION DISTRICT OF SOUTH HESSE. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WOULD, SAID ROTH, ASSIST FRG OFFICIALS IN RESISTING PRESISTING PRESSURES FOR BUNDESWEHR REDUCTIONS.

4. PAPER WHICH ROTH WILL LEAVE WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL ALSO EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF FRG FOR STRONG US POSITION AGAINST UNILATERAL CUTS OF AMERICAN DEPLOYMENTS IN FRG AND WESTERN EUROPE.
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